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SUBJECT: PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION OF FOREIGN ACADEMIC
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1. POST IN COOPERATION WITH AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE MIDDLE
EAST (AFME) CONDUCTS PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION SEMINARS
LATE EVERY SUMMER FOR ALL STUDENT GRANTEES AND OTHER
STUDENTS PLANNING STUDY IN UNITED STATES. SEMINARS, HELD
AT JOHN F. KENNEDY AMERICAN CENTER, ARE CONDUCTED BY USIS,
CONSULAR OFFICERS, US VISITING LECTURERS (WHEN AVAILABLE),
AND FORMER STUDENT GRANTEES, WHO DISCUSS FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. ACADEMIC QUESTIONS, INCLUDING

1. STRUCTURE OF EDUCATION IN US;
2. ACADEMIC YEAR - SEMESTERS, QUARTERS, TRIMESTER SYSTEM;
3. CREDIT OR POINT SYSTEM;
4. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION;
5. REGULATIONS OF ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS;
6. ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE;

B. STUDENT LIFE:

1. LIVING, ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS;
2. ACCOMMODATIONS, DORMITORY FACILITIES, HOUSING;

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3. FINANCIAL MATTERS;

C. US VISA INFORMATION:

1. REPORTING TO IMMIGRATION SERVICE,
2. EMPLOYMENT - APPROVAL OF EMPLOYMENT,
3. PRACTICAL TRAINING,
4. INCOME TAX,
5. EXTENSION OF STAY,
6. TRANSFERRING TO A DIFFERENT INSTITUTION.

IN ADDITION, STUDENT GRANTEES RECEIVE INDIVIDUAL BRIEFINGS BY AMERICAN OFFICERS AND FORMER STUDENT PARTICIPANTS OR STUDENT RETURNEES.

2. POST FEELS PRINTED MATERIAL PRESENTLY AVAILABLE ABOUT LIFE IN USA (ESPECIALLY FOR STUDENTS) NOT AS RELEVANT TO NEEDS OF FOREIGN STUDENT GRANTEES AS COULD BE, AND WISHES EMPHASIZE NEED FOR SPECIALLY DESIGNED BOOKS SUCH AS "MEET THE U.S.A." PUBLISHED BY THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION. EXCEPT FOR "HANDBOOK FOR IIE-RELATED STUDENTS FROM ABROAD," THE MATERIAL USUALLY DISTRIBUTED IS OF GENERAL NATURE, AND INCLUDES:

- A. THIS IS AMERICA,
- B. U.S.A. TRAVEL INFORMATION,
- C. VISIT USA,
- D. AN OUTLINE OF AMERICAN HISTORY,
- E. AMERICA IN PICTURES.

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